

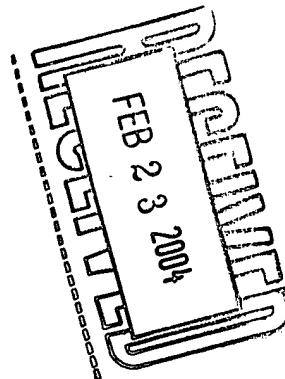


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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Jurg Tschopp  
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New York, New York 10020  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant requests that the time for filing a Response to the September 12, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified patent application be extended for a period of two months, from December 12, 2003 up to and including February 12, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$420.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is submitted herewith. Please charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment, in

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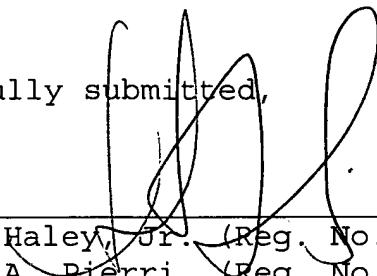
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